IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

MONDAY, THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF DECEMBER
TWO THOUSAND AND FOUR

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE B. SUDERSHAN REDDY

and
THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE C.V.RAMULU

WRIT PETITION NO : 23019 of 2004

Between:

D.Sivalinga Prasad S/o.Rama Koteswara Rao
R/o.Kolanukonda Village, Tadepalli Mandal Guntur District.

..... PETITIONER

AND

The Union of India rep. by its Secretary to Government
Ministry of Non-Conventional Engergy Sources (Administration -I) Block
No.14,C.G.O. Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-11003.

.....RESPONDENT

Petition under Article 226 of the constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the Affidavit filed herein the High Court may be pleased to issue a writ, order or direction more particularly one in the nature of writ of Mandamus by declaring the action of the respondent in closing down the Hyderabad Regional Office along with all other Regional Offices situated in Southern Region and to Merge the same with a newly formed Regional Office in the Home Constituency of the Hon'ble Minister of State Vide Proceedings No.36/14/2004-Admn.I dated: 3-12-2004 as illegal, arbitrary, malafide and violative of Principles of natural justices and also violative of Article 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequently set aside the proceedings No.36/14/2004-Admn.I dated 3-12-2004.

Counsel for the Petitioner : MR.V.AJAYAKUMAR

Counsel for the Respondent: MR.ARAJASHEKAR REDDY (SC FOR CG)

The Court made the following :

ORDER: (per the Hon'ble Sri Justice B.Sudershan Reddy)

Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources had decided to setup a Regional Office at Nagpur to oversee the implementation work in the states of Maharashtra, Orissa, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Goa, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andman & Nicobar Island, Pondicherry and Lakshadweep. The Government had also decided to strengthen the Regional Office at Guwahati so that the entire area in the North-East and the West Bengal can be covered effectively.

The petitioner, who is an individual, challenges the policy decision of the Government of India, which according to him results in closure of the Regional Office at Hyderabad. We do not find that the petitioner had any sufficient interest in the matter even to challenge the policy decision of the Central Government in this public interest litigation. In our considered opinion, any interference by this Court would amount to interfering with the day-to-day administrative decisions of the Government of India. Such a course is impermissible, and precisely for that reason, we are not inclined to interfere with such policy decisions of the Government.

The writ petition fails and shall accordingly stand dismissed without any order as to costs.

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B.SUDERSHAN REDDY,J

DATED:13-12-2004

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C.V.RAMULU,J

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To

1. The Secretary to Government, Union of India Ministry of Non-Conventional

Engergy Sources (Administration -I) Block No.14,C.G.O. Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-11003.

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